



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
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OF



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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1911.

TOWN CLERK :

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1912
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SELECTMEN :

GARDNER M. DEAN,	Term expires 1912
JOHN P. DAY,	Term expires 1913
GILBERT T. BUTTERFIELD,	Term expires 1914

ASSESSORS :

WALTER A. WOODIS,	Term expires 1912
SYLVESTER H. HASKELL,	Term expires 1913
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1914

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR :

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,	Term expires 1912
EDMUND CODY,	Term expires 1913
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1914

SCHOOL COMMITTEE :

JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1912
J. NELSON BALL,	Term expires 1913
MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1914

LIBRARY TRUSTEES :

MRS. M. L. WOODIS,	Term expires 1912
HENRY C. FOBES,	Term expires 1913
SARA E. BUTLER,	Term expires 1914

CEMETERY COMMITTEE :

MASON S. DEAN,	Term expires 1912
JESSE ALLEN,	Term expires 1913
JAMES P. FAIRBANK,	Term expires 1914

COLLECTOR :

EDMUND CODY.

TREASURER :

GEORGE S. BUTLER.

AUDITOR :

WALTER M. ROBINSON.

TREE WARDEN :

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE.

HIGHWAY SURVEYOR :

WILLIAM A. NYE.

FENCE VIEWERS :

JESSE ALLEN, C. H. TROWBRIDGE, S. H. HASKELL.

CONSTABLES :

WILLIAM C. AYRES, WALTER R. DEAN, MORTON
F. LINCOLN, HENRY W. BARTLETT, FRED
H. PARMENTER, FRANK WINSLOW.

MEASURER OF WOOD :

ALFRED C. MORSE.

MEASURER OF LUMBER :

W. WARREN RUSSELL.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES :

OMER D. TOTTINGHAM.

FIELD DRIVERS :

WAYLAND ANGIER, JOHN W. DWELLY,
FRANK CALDWELL.

CATTLE INSPECTOR :

GEORGE W. STONE.

UNDERTAKER :

JAMES P. FAIRBANK.

TOWN AGENT :

FRANK S. CONANT.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT :

CHARLES L. RANDALL,

FOREST FIREWARD :

C. H. TROWBRIDGE.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

THE selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending March 1, 1912 :

Paid Town Officers.

TOWN CLERK.

Paid town clerk for services,	\$35 89
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TREASURER.

Paid treasurer for services,	\$35 00	
Postage and telephone,	4 88	
Treasurer's book,	4 15	
		\$44 03

COLLECTOR.

Paid collector for services,	\$75 00	
Stamps and book,	8 75	
Discount on taxes,	183 82	
		\$267 57

SELECTMEN.

Paid G. M. Dean,	\$25 00	
J. P. Day,	25 00	
G. T. Butterfield,	25 00	
Postage and telephone,	7 49	
		\$82 49

ASSESSORS.

Paid W. A. Woodis,	\$49 80	
S. H. Haskell,	41 25	
W. H. Parkman,	31 25	
Deeds and probates,	6 44	
	————	\$128 74

AUDITOR.

Paid W. M. Robinson,	\$25 00
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SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Paid O. D. Tottingham,	\$10 00	
One steel die,	62	
	————	\$10 62

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid for support of paupers,	\$578 11
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid for support of schools,	\$3204 00
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SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

Paid for highways and bridges,	\$1383 64
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BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS

Paid H. W. Stone,	\$2 00	
J. W. Dwelly,	4 00	
A. C. Morse,	4 00	
Bert Needham,	2 00	
Edmund Cody,	2 00	
J. P. Fairbank,	2 00	
	————	\$16 00

LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Paid for support of library,	\$394 41
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid J. P. Day,	\$12 00	
G. M. Dean,	12 00	
G. T. Butterfield,	8 00	
Jesse Allen,	12 00	
	————	\$44 00

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS AT PRIMARY
CAUCUS.

Paid Edmund Cody,	\$2 00	
Sylvester Dean,	2 00	
Walter Vance,	2 00	
A. C. Morse,	2 00	
	————	\$8 00

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation, \$175.

Paid Earl Lawless,	\$60 00	
W. W. Russell,	60 65	
G. S. Butler,	18 35	
C. H. Parker & Son,	13 56	
G. T. Butterfield,	75	
Walter Howe,	10 50	
Wm. S. Crawford,	12 81	
C. H. Trowbridge,	1 50	
	————	\$178 12

UNDERTAKER'S

Services and death returns,	\$30 75
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BOND FOR TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Massachusetts Bonding Co.,	\$24 00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. H. Trowbridge,	\$52 87
H. C. Fobes,	12 96
Coldbrook Basket Co.,	2 40
Guy H. Cheever,	40
Edmund Cody,	3 50
H. K. Barnes,	94 95
Wayland Angier,	1 70
A. Hapgood,	44
Bert Banks,	3 56
Orvis Banks,	2 11
Harlan Angier,	2 44
H. A. Crawford,	2 22
G. A. Briggs,	4 00
J. W. Dwelly,	4 00
C. L. Clifford,	10 00
A. L. Newton,	2 66
B. S. Trumble,	3 00
A. B. Spooner,	3 30
G. S. Butler,	12 00
Sexton Can Co.,	16 20
G. M. Dean,	52
T. S. Conant,	1 00
	————— \$236 23

CEMETERY COMMITTEE.

Paid J. P. Fairbank,	\$1 24
M. D. Jones,	3 60
E. Green,	174 35
W. W. Russell,	1 27
G. S. Butler,	5 40
T. C. Gaffney,	6 00
H. C. Fobes,	35
	————— \$192 21

OPENING ROADS.

Paid opening roads 1911, 1912, N. A. Fisk,	\$2 78	
Justin Rawson,	3 68	
T. C. Gaffney,	80	
	———	\$7 26

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

Paid H. C. Fobes,	\$19 60	
C. H. Trowbridge,	34 49	
Ross Brothers,	1 30	
	———	\$55 39

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid G. M. Dean,	\$0 85	
W. C. Ayres,	3 00	
G. S. Butler,	1 77	
	———	\$5 62

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State tax,	\$550 00	
County tax,	355 00	
	———	\$905 00

INSPECTOR OF PROVISIONS.

Paid H. D. Bullard,	\$4 50	
G. W. Stone,	40 25	
	———	\$44 ⁷ / ₁ 75

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE.

Paid G. W. Stone,	\$41 00	
H. D. Bullard,	24 10	
	———	\$65 10

STATE ROAD.

Paid for building state road,	\$537 09
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STATE AID.

Paid Newton Munroe,	\$48 00	
Sara Vaughn,	24 00	
S. Amanda Reed,	48 00	
Julia Guilford,	28 00	
John E. Stone,	72 00	
H. M. Green,	36 00	
	————	\$256 00

WORCESTER TRUST CO.

For money borrowed,	\$700 00	
Interest,	3 50	
	————	\$703 50

POLICE.

Paid C. H. Parker & Son, handcuffs,	\$4 75	
F. H. Parmenter, 1911,	2 00	
W. R. Dean, 1910, 1911,	7 00	
	————	\$13 75

BUILDING VAULT.

Appropriation, \$700.

Paid Van Dorn Iron Co ,	\$675 00	
C. H. Trowbridge,	4 30	
John P. Day,	6 77	
F. S. Conant, electric lights for vault,	10 00	
W. Harris,	5 52	
	————	\$701 59

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation, \$500.

Paid W. W. Russell, care of town hall,	\$55 53	
G. M. Dean, express,	35	
C. H. Trowbridge, tree trimmer,	1 25	
Hobbs & Warren, law blanks,	3 79	
H. J. Lawrence, printing ballots,	10 00	
Jesse Allen, registering voters, 1910,	4 00	

Paid C. H. Parker & Son, tablets,	\$6 00
H. C. Fobes, cutting tree,	40
C. H. Trowbridge, cutting tree,	1 25
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	45 00
W. W. Russell, labor,	2 30
G. S. Butler, oil and chimneys,	5 70
G. M. Dean, expenses to Boston and Webster,	3 62
John P. Day, expenses to Webster,	1 53
G. T. Butterfield, expenses to Boston,	2 34
E. Howard Clock Co., cleaning clock,	17 89
C. H. Trowbridge, repairing roof,	1 55
Elmer A. Stevens,	375 00
R. F. Parker, labor on church steeple,	3 25
W. R. Dean, wood and lumber,	28 10
J. E. Pickering, fumigating,	4 00
F. E. Loring, pump for library,	19 10
F. E. Loring, hose for pump,	6 65
G. S. Butler, certifying note,	3 00
E. Cody, tax notices,	7 25
W. R. Dean, repairs on furnace,	50 00
W. C. Ayres, painting,	5 50
G. S. Butler, supplies for hall,	2 60
G. M. Dean, team for state agent,	2 00
F. H. Parmenter, dog officer,	5 00
Jennie C. Spooner, printing,	25 00
Wm. S. Crawford, one-fourth repairs on hall,	17 46
G. S. Butler, supplies,	1 56
F. E. Davis, care of clock,	25 00
Wm. S. Crawford, nails,	39
	\$743 36
	\$10,922 22

Revised List of Jurors.

Henry W. Bartlett, farmer,

Frank E. Davis, librarian,

Wayland Angier, farmer,

C. Frank Caldwell, mechanic,

William Gaffney, farmer.

Sylvester R. Dean, miller,

Wallace W. Grimes, farmer.

Respectfully submitted,

GARDNER M. DEAN,

JOHN P. DAY,

G. T. BUTTERFIELD,

Selectmen of Oakham.

Treasurer's Report.

DR.

To cash on hand,		\$1752 76
Received of E. Cody, taxes, 1909,	\$142 08	
E. Cody, taxes, 1910,	461 45	
E. Cody, taxes, 1911,	3766 81	
Discount on taxes,	183 82	
Library trustees,	3 52	
Librarian, for fines, etc.,	7 31	
Two butcher's licenses,	2 00	
Sturtevant & Bagley, liquor license,	1500 00	
Same, Innholder's certificate,	2 00	
Lot No. 26, West cemetery,	10 00	
Fines in criminal cases,	13 92	
Auctioneer's license,	2 00	
Massachusetts State Highway loan fund,	550 00	
City of Worcester, care of poor,	25 00	
O. D. Tottingham, grass of library lot,	1 00	
State returns for inspection of animals,	12 75	
Worcester Trust Co., borrowed,	700 00	
Cemetery committee, care of lots,	31 00	
B. & M. R. R., fighting fire,	6 00	
State of Massachusetts, school sup- plies, etc.,	142 00	
State of Massachusetts, high school tuition,	142 00	

Received, rent of Memorial hall,	\$36 00	
State of Massachusetts, income Massa-		
chusetts school fund,	500 00	
Jesse Allen, account school superin-		
tendent,	187 50	
State of Massachusetts, corporation		
tax, public service,	7 86	
State of Massachusetts, corporation		
tax, business,	34 22	
State of Massachusetts, National Bank		
tax,	31 42	
State of Massachusetts, state aid,	236 00	
Burial of indigent soldiers and sailors,	74 00	
Dog fund returned,	132 07	
State of Massachusetts, support of		
sick paupers,	24 00	
Interest on National Bank deposits,	32 47	
		\$9685 20
		\$11,437 96

CR.

By paying selectmen's orders,	\$10,922 22	
Library fund deposited,	3 52	
		\$10,925 74
Balance in treasury,		\$512 22

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS.

George H. Gould,	\$100 00
Daniel H. Déan,	100 00
Caroline M. Maynard,	150 00
Stephen Lincoln,	50 00
Charles H. Fobes,	100 00

Martha M. Macullar,	\$100 00
Mrs. Samuel B. Ripley,	25 00
Fannie W. Kimball,	50 00
Mary E. Brown,	50 00
Weeks & Elliott,	100 00
Sumner Reed,	100 00
Lewis N. Haskell,	100 00
Lewis Allen,	100 00
Jesse Allen,	100 00
Library fund,	\$674 90

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. BUTLER,
Treasurer.

Collector's Report.

DR.

Uncollected taxes for 1909,	\$83 90	
Interest,	12 90	
Error in warrant,	84 81	
	<u> </u>	\$181 61

CR.

By treasurer's receipts,	142 08	
Abatement,	3 57	
	<u> </u>	145 65
		<u> </u>
		35 96

DR.

Uncollected taxes for 1910,	690 80	
Interest,	21 37	
	<u> </u>	712 17

CR.

By treasurer's receipts,	461 45	
Abatements,	32 38	
	<u> </u>	493 83
		<u> </u>
		218 34

Taxes committed to me for collection September 1, 1911.

State tax,	\$550 00
County tax,	355 00
Town tax,	3956 38
Overlayings,	50 00
Interest,	2 96
	—————\$4914 34

CR.

By treasurer's receipts,	3950 63
Abatement,	4 34
	————— 3954 97
	————— \$959 37

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND CODY,
Collector.

REPORT OF Superintendent of Streets.

REPAIRING HIGHWAY.

Paid W. A. Nye,	\$515 02
G. F. Butterfield,	134 75
F. E. Parkman,	114 75
N. J. Green,	144 00
L. P. Green,	63 00
S. F. Woodis,	136 23
J. C. Woodis,	142 78
E. Green,	12 00
E. Hapgood,	4 00
W. F. Fullam,	20 77
G. Morse,	10 59
C. H. Parker & Son,	2 95
W. S. Crawford,	1 80
F. E. Loring,	5 90
A. B. Spooner,	2 00
H. W. Bartlett,	4 94
W. C. Ayres,	24 66
Baker Lumber Co.,	43 50
	\$1383 64

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. NYE,
Superintendent of Streets.

OPENING ROADS, 1911 AND 1912.

Paid Nathan Fisk,	\$2 78
Justin Rawson,	3 68
T. C. Gaffney,	80
	\$7 26

REPORT OF THE OVERSEERS of the POOR.

Paid Charlton Poor Farm Association,	\$11 06
Fred T. Parkman,	366 00
F. B. Holland,	7 10
Grace Keep,	19 00
Dr. Bixby,	27 45
Thomas Winter,	3 00
Mrs. Horace Green,	24 00
Dr. J. E. Pickering,	49 00
G. S. Butler,	7 50
Dr. E. F. Phelan,	3 50
Wm. H. Parkman, overseer,	16 00
Jesse Allen, overseer,	28 50
Edmund Cody, overseer,	16 00
	\$578 11

Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,
WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
EDMUND CODY,

Overseers of the Poor.

YEARLY REPORT OF THE TOWN FARM ASSOCIATION

February 1, 1911, to February 1, 1912.

RECEIPTS.

Milk,	\$2114 40
Eggs,	49 67
Stock,	130 00
Outside labor,	126 42
Miscellaneous,	30 29
Board received from sundry persons,	247 50

CASH RECEIVED.

Charlton,	323 71
Leicester,	487 45
Paxton,	171 75
Auburn,	262 53
Westminster,	686 95
Princeton,	171 75
Holden,	272 43
Hubbardston,	325 60
Rutland,	208 44
Oakham,	23 06
	\$5631 95

EXPENDITURES.

Salary, warden and matron,	\$650 00
Outside help,	247 08
Inside help,	355 50
Groceries,	1150 84
Meat,	314 80
Grain,	882 73
Boots, shoes, clothing,	125 84
Drugs and medical attendance,	63 43
Miscellaneous,	287 64
Fish and oysters,	64 30
Tobacco,	48 48
Rent and interest,	585 96
Wood and coal,	250 74
Stock,	96 00
Tools and seed,	124 47
Hardware,	30 35
Replenishing,	4 00
Insurance,	36 83
Phosphate,	54 45
Carriage painting,	9 00
Blacksmithing,	46 80
Filling silo,	31 30
Harvesting ice,	22 30
Dry goods,	149 11
	\$5631 95

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from February 1, 1911, to February 1, 1912, constitutes the following apportionments:

Town.	Number of inmates.	Weeks.	Price.	Amount.
Charlton,	3	98 $\frac{2}{7}$	\$3.2936	\$323 71
Leicester,	5	148	3.2936	487 45

Paxton,	1	52 $\frac{1}{7}$	3.2936	\$171 75
Auburn,	2	79 $\frac{5}{7}$	3.2936	262 53
Westminster,	4	208 $\frac{4}{7}$	3.2936	686 95
Princeton,	1	52 $\frac{1}{7}$	3.2936	171 75
Holden,	3	82 $\frac{5}{7}$	3.2936	272 43
Hubbardston,	3	98 $\frac{6}{7}$	3.2936	325 60
Rutland,	2	63 $\frac{5}{7}$	3.2936	208 44
Oakham,	1	7	3.2936	23 06

\$2933 67

HOBART RAYMOND, *Chairman.*

E. W. MERRICK, *Secretary.*

A. F. PUTNAM, *Treasurer.*

Fobes Memorial Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT,

DR.

Balance on hand,	\$2 19
Fines and cards,	7 31
Town (dog fund),	130 60
	\$140 10

CR.

Paid F. E. Davis, librarian,	\$50 00
G. N. Briggs, exchange of books,	25 00
For books,	40 80
For magazines,	11 05
Town,	5 00
For express and postage,	4 10
Mrs. J. C. Spooner,	3 25
Balance on hand,	90
	\$140 10

Received from W. C. Ayres, toward library fund,	\$3 52
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Contributors to the library during the year: J. W. Baldwin, W. H. Chamberlain, Rev. W. E. Streeter, G. Phillips, Massachusetts State Library Commission, Miss Maria Tomlinson, by request, G. M. Dean, Henry Morse, F. E. Davis, H. C. Fobes, Anna J. Hill, Miss Lovell, Mrs. Sarah M. Foster,

Justin Rawson, Raymond Thresher, Miss Emily Mellen, Mrs. Henry Green, Daniel Dean, Mrs. Ann D. Adams, Mrs. Geo. Edson, Mrs. Harriet Banks, Mrs. William Nye, Miss Stella Wyman, Mrs. Ida Loring, Mrs. Joseph Lightizer, Addison C. Angus, F. S. Conant, Nelson Adams, Y. P. S. C. E., Miss Laura G. Burt, Mrs. M. L. Woodis, Francis Blake, Mrs. Mary Fobes Weixler, by request.

We wish especially to mention a book we have received entitled "From School Through College," by Henry P. Wright, author of the Fobes Memorial Library Book, which was so highly appreciated.

Thanks are extended to all contributors.

HENRY C. FOBES,
SARA E. BUTLER,
MINNIE L. WOODIS,

Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

DURING the year the library has been open	102 days.
Circulation for home us,	2849
Largest number charged in one day, June 2,	49
Smallest number charged in one day, Aug. 15,	10
Loaned for use in the public schools,	94

These periodicals are to be found on the table in the reading room: Review of Reviews, Literary Digest, Technical World, Ladies Home Journal, Country Life in America, Cosmopolitan, Christian Endeavor World, Youth's Companion, Hampton's, McClure's, Good Housekeeping, New England, Farm Journal, Christian Herald, Woman's National Weekly, Our Dumb Animals, Worcester Telegram, Brookfield's Union.

After removal from the table, the magazines are loaned for home use. The library has 2177 catalogued volumes. These books have been added during the year :

Peeps at Many Lands,	Hope, A. R.
Little Peter,	Malet, Lucas
When I was a Girl in Italy,	Ambrosi, M.
Kathleen in Ireland,	McDonald, E. B.
Our Little Grecian Cousin,	Nixon Roulet, M. F.
Our Little Australian Cousin,	Nixon Roulet, M. F.
Chola, Our Little Hindu Cousin,	McManus, Blanche
Sigrid, Our Little Swedish Cousin,	Coburn, C. M.
Stories of the Old Bay State,	Brooks, E. S.
When Sarah Saved the Day,	Singmaster, Elsie
Southern Soldier Stories,	Eggleston, G. C.
Strange Stories of 1812,	Henderson, W. J.
Strange Stories of the Civil War,	Shackleton, R.
Strange Stories of the Revolution,	Pyle, Howard
Strange Stories of Colonial Days,	Palmer, F. S.
Margot.	Mann, M. E.
Cat Stories,	Carter, M. H.
The Children's Longfellow,	Longfellow, H. W.
Stories of Brave Dogs,	Carter, M. H.
Children of the Cold,	Schwatka, F.
Doing his Best.	Trowbridge, J. T.
Book of Fables and Folk Stories,	Scudder, H. E.
The Lance of Kanana,	Ardavan, A.
Mother Goose Melodies.	
First Across the Continent,	Brooks, Noah
Mary's Garden and How it Grew,	Duncan, Frances
Little Miss Phœbe Gay,	Brown, H. D.
Harper's Machinery Book for Boys,	Adams, Joseph H.
The Wampum Belt,	Butterworth, H.
The Log Schoolhouse on the Columbia,	Butterworth, H.
When Molly was Six,	White, E. O.

A Little Captive Lad,
 Little Susy's Six Birthdays,
 North America,
 Boy Scouts of America,
 Pictures Every Child Should Know,
 Travels at Home,
 The Search for Andrew Field,
 Stories of Pioneer Life,
 The Story of a Donkey,
 A Happy Boy,
 Jack, the Young Ranchman,
 Poems Children Love.
 Through the Looking Glass,
 The Mistress of Shenstone,
 Lewis, Rand,
 Prince and Pauper,
 A Girl of the Limberlost,
 Calling of Dan Matthew,
 Kezziah Coffin,
 The Depot Master,
 The Woman Haters,
 The Old Home House,
 Partners of the Tide,
 Cy Whitaker's Place,
 Double Play,
 Captain Chub,
 The Shepherd of the Hills,
 A Spinner in the Sun,
 The Master's Violin,
 Polly of the Circus,
 Anne of Avonlea,
 Personal Conduct of Belinda,
 A Modern Chronicle,
 A Certain Rich Man,

Dix, B. M.
 Prentiss, E.
 Carpenter, F. G.
 Seton, E. T.
 Bacon, Dolores
 Twain, Mark
 Tomlinson, E. T.
 Bass, Florence
 Dole, C. F.
 Anderson, R. B.
 Grinnell, Geo. B.

 Carroll, Lewis
 Barclay, Florence L.
 Johnston, Mary
 Twain, Mark
 Porter, Gene S.
 Wright, H. B.
 Lincoln, J. C.
 Lincoln, J. C.
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 Lincoln, J. C.
 Lincoln, J. C.
 Lincoln, J. C.
 Barbour, Ralph
 Barbour, Ralph
 Wright, H. B.
 Reed, Myrtle
 Reed, Myrtle
 Mayo, Margaret
 Montgomery, L. M.
 Brainerd, E. H.
 Churchill, W.
 White, Wm. A.

Peter,	Smith, F. H.
The \$30,000 Bequest,	Twain, Mark
The Foreigner,	Connor, Ralph
Dave Porter in the Far North,	Stratemeyer, E.
His Courtship,	Martin, Helen
The Tyrant,	De La Pasture, Mrs. H.
Adventures of Billy Topsail,	Duncan Norman
The Rosary,	Barkley, Florence L.
Country Neighbors,	Brown Alice
A Lawyer's Recollections in and out of Court,	Torrey, Geo. A.
The Worker and the State,	Dean, A. K.
Mother Carey's Chickens,	Wiggin, Kate D.
From School Through College,	Wright, H. P.
The Boyhood of Great Men.	
Nat the Navigator.	
Bible Readings for the Home Circle.	
Fifth Reg. Mass. Vol. Infantry,	Roe, Alfred S.
World's Fair Photographed.	
Elijah Adams' Family,	Adams, Nelson
The Heart of us,	Sullivan, T. R.

Respectfully submitted,

F. E. DAVIS,

Librarian.

REPORT OF THE Cemetery Committee.

Paid Edwin Green, superintendent, for care of lots and for general care of all the cemeteries,	\$174 35
M. D. Jones Co.,	3 60
W. W. Russell,	1 27
Geo. S. Butler,	5 40
T. C. Gaffney,	6 00
H. C. Fobes,	35
Express,	1 24
	\$192 21

The town has received from individuals, \$31 for the care of lots.

The superintendent has cared for many lots the past season, drawing his pay for the same from the town, individuals paying for the same to the cemetery committee. This care will be continued on application to the superintendent or cemetery committee.

LOTS PROVIDED WITH PERPETUAL CARE.

West cemetery.—Fobes, Gould, S. Lincoln, Ripley, Kimball, Maynard, Allen, Weeks and Elliot, Haskell and Lewis Allen lots.

South cemetery.—Dea. C. Reed, Edmund Dean and Sumner Reed lots.

South West cemetery.—Andrew Spooner lot.

JESSE ALLEN,
MASON S. DEAN,
J. P. FAIRBANK.

Fire Warden's Report.

At the town meeting a year ago the town voted to have the selectmen buy and equip a fire wagon and made appropriation for the same; one was bought and has been equipped with extinguishers and water cans and fire tools, such as rakes, hoes, shovels, grub hoes or mattocks, and a good supply of chemicals and soda. The town has now over one hundred extinguishers distributed through the town so every locality is fairly well equipped in case of fire, although it would be well to buy a few more. It has been thought by many that the town should buy and equip another fire wagon to be kept at Coldbrook, which would be a good plan as the state pays one-half of the cost of these outfits up to two hundred and fifty dollars. Another thing that is needed is some extension ladders to be kept at the Center village and Coldbrook. For extinguishers, cans and fighting fire the town has paid during the past year \$236.23. As the bills of the cost of the wagon and equipment have not all been received yet, we cannot render an account in full at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. TROWBRIDGE,

Fire Warden.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1912.

THIS is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the selectmen, overseers of poor, school committee, road commissioner, cemetery committee, tree and fire warden, and moth exterminator and found them correct. Also the accounts of the treasurer and collector and found them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. ROBINSON,

Auditor.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

APPROPRIATIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES.

School fund,	\$500 00
Support of schools,	1200 00
School superintendent,	60 00
Medical inspection,	25 00
State return for school superintendent,	187 50
Education of State children,	142 00
Education of Boston children,	142 00
High school tuition refunded,	685 00
	\$2941 50

School Expenses.

SALARIES.

Paid Superintendent C. L. Randall,	\$248 75
Miss F. E. Bothwell,	246 40
Miss Ethel L. Braman,	330 00
Miss Ruth E. Butterfield,	330 00
Mrs. Effie T. Swindell,	330 00
Miss Lottie Thresher,	198 00
Miss Dodd,	110 00
Miss Alma Russell,	110 00
Mr. Rochette,	7 20
Mrs. Ruth B. Dwelley,	117 00
	\$2027 35

SUPPLIES.

Paid for supplies,	\$139 09
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FUEL.

Paid William Gaffney,	\$15 00
Frank Winslow,	10 00
W. R. Dean,	32 25
O. D. Tottingham,	4 00
J. E. Stone,	10 00
G. T. Butterfield,	26 33
James Leyden,	32 00
J. N. Ball,	5 85
T. Winter,	24 00

\$159 43

TUITION.

Paid town of North Brookfield,	\$233 00
Paid town of Barre,	350 00
Paid town of Holden,	90 00

\$673 00

REPAIRS.

Paid for repairs,	\$25 01
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INSURANCE.

Paid for insurance,	\$19 60
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CARE OF HOUSES.

Paid Minnie Rutherford,	\$4 50
Carl Christiansen,	13 20
Willie Gaffney,	15 00
Marion Rutherford,	6 00
W. W. Russell,	26 30
Eric Harvey,	16 00
Herman Dean,	3 50

\$84 50

MEDICAL INSPECTION.

Paid Dr. Stickney,	\$10 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Jesse Allen, services,	\$43 50
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Mrs. M. L. Woodis,	18 52
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J. N. Ball,	4 00
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Total,	\$3204 00
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Respectfully submitted,

JESSE ALLEN,

J. NELSON BALL,

MINNIE L. WOODIS,

School Committee.

REPORT OF THE Superintendent of Schools.

HOLDEN, MASS., MARCH 12, 1912.

To the Honorable School Board of the Town of Oakham:

YOUR schools have maintained the good work which they have done in the past; never since I have been acquainted with them have they surpassed the present work. I believe this is due mainly to the fact that capable, efficient teachers have remained in their schools for several years.

TEACHERS.

I am pleased to note that but one change in teachers has occurred this year. Miss Annie Dodd who did creditably at the West resigned to accept a promotion in another town; her place has been satisfactorily filled by an Oakham girl, Miss Lottie C. Thresher, who is beginning her work as a teacher. I felt the absence of Miss Florence Bothwell, who was obliged to be away from her accustomed duties during the fall term. All her friends rejoice that she was able to return to her school for the winter term. We were fortunate in securing as a substitute such an experienced teacher as Miss Alma Russell.

GRADUATION.

The third annual graduation exercises were successfully carried out on the evening of June 16, 1911, with the following program:

March,
Prayer,
Music, "Come to the Sunset Tree,"

Schools
Dea. Jesse Allen
Schools

Welcome,	Blanche Yeo
Essay, "Success,"	Fred Allen
Recitation, "Wreck of Hesperus,"	May Scott
Dialogue, "Eyes and no Eyes,"	Orvis Banks, Carl Christianson, Frank Stone
Music, "To Thee, O Country,"	Schools
Recitation, "Curfew,"	William Moran
Essay, "The Colonial Girl,"	Minnie Rutherford
Essay, "The Panama Canal,"	Annie Gaffney
Music, "Woodland Voices,"	Grammar
Address,	Supt. C. L. Randall
Farewell,	Nellie Hale
Presentation of Certificates,	Dea. Jesse Allen

Six of these pupils have continued their studies in out-of-town schools. Oakham has yearly enough pupils attending high schools in other towns to maintain a small school of its own, had it the available room.

INCREASE IN SCHOOL YEAR.

The only change that has been made the past year is in the increase in the length of the school year, making now thirty-three weeks, instead of the minimum of thirty-two. But three towns in the state limit themselves to the legal thirty-two weeks. I am glad to see Oakham move from this number. I hope that the future will allow the addition of one more week, making a school year of thirty-four weeks.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN AND VACCINATION.

Dr. Clifford Stickney of Holden has been appointed school physician; he will visit the schools twice a year, inspecting each pupil at each visit. I call your attention to his report, which follows.

I also wish to remind the parents of children approaching school age that no child can be allowed in school unless he has been vaccinated, or presents a certificate that vaccination is unwise.

TUITION.

For several years there have been some children in the schools at Coldbrook and the South who have not lived in the town of Oakham. I am pleased that a decision was reached at the beginning of the school year to ask tuition in the case of these children. I see no reason, unless the parents are substantial taxpayers of the town, why Oakham should educate children whose residence is in another town.

POTATO CLUB.

Last May, under the direction of Prof. Hart of the State College, I formed what is known as the boy's and girl's Potato Club.

Seed potatoes were furnished free by the college, together with printed instruction about planting and cultivating. Over thirty pupils entered this contest and showed much interest. There were some excellent exhibits in the fall. I wish to thank the local Grange for the encouragement given the children by the prizes offered. I trust that home gardening may be encouraged by all lovers and patrons of husbandry.

HAND-WORK.

During the past year, the pupils of the grammar school have scraped, sandpapered and varnished all the desks in the room. The desks were in poor condition, badly whittled and cut by school boys of more than a generation ago, reminding one of Whittier's desks:

"Deep scarred by raps official,
The warping floor, the battered seats,
The jackknife's carved initial."

These desks are now, with one exception, in as good condition as when they were purchased years ago. The children are justly proud of them, while the lesson learned by the boys and girls who refinished their own desks is such that no piece of furniture will ever be mutilated by them.

The pupils of the Coldbrook and South schools are now at work on their desks, though the desks of these two schools were not mutilated as at the Center.

Such work as this should be encouraged. I wish some kind of "hand-work" or manual training could be given all our boys and girls.

LUNCHESES.

A small innovation was started during the winter term, under the direction of Miss Bothwell, which I would be glad to see develop into a regular custom.

A small oil stove was purchased, and kept at the school, the pupils bought cocoa and brought milk each day. Every day, about 11.30 a. m., one of the girls not in recitation would light the stove, start the cocoa, and then with her book sit near, where she could study and also watch the stove, with the result that at the beginning of the lunch hour there was hot cocoa for all who stayed to dinner.

This took no appreciable time from school, added to the health of the pupils by providing them with a hot drink daily, and taught simple lessons in household art to the girls who prepared the drink and afterward cared for the dishes. I commend this simple beginning to others.

STATISTICS.

I am pleased to notice that the per cent of attendance in the Oakham schools is high, in spite of the fact of an epidemic in the winter term. Parents are especially urged to visit the schools frequently and confer with the teachers.

In closing, I wish to express appreciation to the teachers for their constant, loyal co-operation, and to the school board for their unvarying support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. RANDALL.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

Name of School	Name of Teacher	Educated at	Number of weeks service	Total Enrolment	Present Enrolment	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent. of Attendance	Number of Boys	Number of Girls	Number of Pupils 7 to 14
Grammar	{ Florence E. Bothwell Alma Russell	No. Brookfield High*	23	29	20	24.3	22.4	92	19	10	24
Primary	Ethel M. Braman	Bridgewater Normal	10	20	14	14.4	13.4	92.7	11	9	12
South	Effie T. Swindell	Northfield Seminary*	33	15	12	11.8	10.9	92.4	10	5	11
West	{ Annie M. Dodd Lottie C. Thresher	Barre High Framingham Normal*	33 11	10	7	9.4	8.9	94	5	5	7
Coldbrook	Ruth E. Butterfield	Barre High* Worcester Normal	22 33	21	18	19	18.4	96.8	12	9	12

NOTE—*Indicates graduate.

Figures based on records since September.

School Physician's Report.

Mr. C. L. Randall, Superintendent of Schools, Holden, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—In the performance of my duties as school physician of the town of Oakham, I visited the schools of that town October 20, 1911, and inspected the pupils present in school that day.

Number of pupils enrolled,	82
Present,	77
Absent,	5
Vaccinated,	57
Unvaccinated,	20
Enlarged tonsils,	13

In the very short time that can be given to each inspection, special note is made of any symptoms pointing toward communicable diseases, or indications of any condition that might affect injuriously the general health or efficiency of the pupil. To do more than this in the allotted time would be impossible. As will be seen from the foregoing summary, the proportion of unvaccinated pupils is too large. Quite a number told me that they had been vaccinated, but "it did not take." This means, of course, simply "unvaccinated," and the cases are so recorded.

Many cases of defective teeth were noted, and such children were advised to consult a dentist. The pupils with enlarged tonsils were advised, through notice to their parents, to seek relief in a surgical operation. In some of these cases adenoids will be found also and can be taken care of at the same time.

It may not be considered as especially a subject for the notice of the medical inspector, but with few exceptions the children of the town are deserving of compliment for their generally neat and tidy appearance.

Very respectfully yours,

C. W. STICKNEY,

School Physician of Oakham.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

Mr. C. L. Randall, Superintendent of Schools:

DEAR SIR:—Music occupies a distinctive place in education, and is recognized as an important part of the course of study.

No matter what system is used, the one great aim for the average child is to be able to sing with enough feeling and comprehension to enable him to derive enjoyment from this branch.

Each year children enter our schools who are unable to sing more than two or three notes, and occasionally there is a pupil without power to locate the tones of the scale or to comprehend their relationship. Experience has proved that these little ones can be taught to sing the scale in good tune, besides learning many songs before they leave the primary grade. The enjoyment does not come from the mere naming of notes, but from the ability to hear and reproduce the tones represented by the notes.

As in every other study in the school course, individual attention must be given to the preparation of the lesson, and the recitation is made by the individual; so the same should be true in music and the child be encouraged to work individually in this as in every other branch.

In the primary school two-part work has been introduced, and the singing is considered unusually good for primary school pupils.

Much time has been given to tone production, and in technical work you will find the pupils in some instances doing the work of a higher grade. New slip series are being used in all grades with good results.

The pupils in all the schools seem interested and are responsive, and I feel that we are progressing and improving

which is due in no small measure to the efficient help of the teachers, upon whom the largest share of the teaching falls.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge here my appreciation of your cordial sympathy in my department.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH B. DWELLEY,
Supervisor of Music.

ROLL OF HONOR.

FOUR YEARS.

George Dean.

THREE YEARS.

Orvis Banks, Blanche Yeo.

ONE YEAR.

Dorothy Newton, Walter Tucker, Doris Bruce, Albert Eggleston, Ralph Cody.

TWO TERMS.

Hazel Grimes, Walter Howe, Gerald MacDonald, Henry Newton, Joseph Bruce, Gladys Cheever, Edgar Hall, Eric Harvey, Holbrook Prescott, Susie Winslow, Henry Blake, Herman Dean, Chester Dimick, Viola Hapgood, Helen Gaffney, Esther Briggs, Orten Butler, Alfred Morse, Gladys Stone, Beatrice Howe, Roy Howe, Alexina Labonte, Herbert Howe, Agnes Woodis.

ONE TERM.

Ella Ferrin, William Morse, John O'Donnell, Gladys Russell, Alvin Swindell, Frank Stone, Enota Clifford, John Connelly, Morris Connelly, Walter Hennick, Arthur Thomas, Walter Thomas, Alfred Valerio, Albert Briggs, Jennie Bullard, Ruby Bullard, Earle Parker, Douglas Rutherford, Marion Rutherford, Arthur Sargent, Lewis Dimick, Edward Gaffney.

NOTE.—Another year I intend to publish a supplementary list of names of pupils who have been absent only on account of sickness.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

For the Year 1911.

BIRTHS.

January 7, daughter (Ruth Rebecca) to Walter H. and Mabel C. Bullard.

January 21, daughter (Doris Emily) to William and Martha A. Miller.

March 12, daughter (Katherine W.) to Michael and Katherine E. Mullen.

May 20, son (Fabius Albert) to Fabius W. and Rhoda C. Beckwith.

July 25, son (John) to Richard J. and Mary A. Britton.

September 25, daughter (Helen Adeline) to Evander H. and Mary C. Green.

MARRIAGES.

June 14, Sylvester R. Dean to Ethel L. Babcock.

November 15, Charles A. Skelton to Alma G. Russell.

DEATHS.

DATE.	NAME.	YRS.	MOS.	DAYS
January 31,	J. A. Butterfield,	64	1	2
April 30,	George C. Clark,	64	5	27
May 1,	Mrs. Ellen Bothwell,	66	2	3
June 22,	Fred H. Perkins,	57	10	18
July 12,	Mrs. Julia A. Ball,	63	9	3
July 16,	William Otis Keep,	80	2	5
August 2,	Mrs. Ruth Robinson,	82	5	6
August 16,	William Henry Sheen,	59		
October 11,	Charles A. Gleason,	85	4	12
October 26,	Maud S. Caldwell,	28	0	14
November 20,	Fred L. Sturtevant,	57	7	0
December 27,	Francis E. Carpenter,	63	4	0

BURIED IN TOWN.

February 4,	Charles W. Herbert,	43		
April 25,	Mrs. Sarah Woodis,	80	9	24
July 6,	Almira Woodis,	80	9	25

Population, 552.

Number of voters: Male, 134; female, 10.

Number of dogs licensed, 71; male 63; female, 8.

Number of hunter's licenses issued, 55.

JESSE ALLEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN WARRANT.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WORCESTER, SS.

*To either of the constables of the town of Oakham, in the
County of Worcester,*

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oakham, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the town hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the twenty-fifth day of March, current, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles :

Article 1st. To choose a Moderator, to preside at all town meetings, except for election of State officers, during the coming year.

Article 2d. To hear the annual report of the several town officers and act thereon.

Article 3d. To choose a Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of the Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, Highway Surveyor, three Fence Viewers and six Constables, for one year. Also to vote "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall license for the sale of intoxicating liquors be granted in this town?" all on one ballot. The polls to be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Article 4th. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year not required to be elected by ballot.

Article 5th. To see what compensation the town will allow their Treasurer and Collector.

Article 6th. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Article 7th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for bonding their treasurer and collector.

Article 8th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 9th. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with approval of the selectmen, to borrow during the current municipal year beginning April 1, 1912. in anticipation of the taxes of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, payable within one year from the dates thereof, these notes to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Article 10th. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Article 11th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Article 12th. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town for the ensuing year.

Article 13th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes the ensuing year.

Article 14th. To determine the manner of supporting paupers the year ensuing.

Article 15th. To see if the town will provide for lighting the street lamps the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 16th. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock and Library Building for the ensuing year, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 17th. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the gypsy and brown tail moth.

Article 18th. To see if the town will vote to celebrate their 150th anniversary June 7, 1912, and make appropriation for the same.

Article 19th. To see if the town will vote to have markers set up at the graves of all soldiers of the civil war buried in town.

Article 20th. To see if the town will vote to choose a committee to enquire into the feasibility of establishing electric lights in the town, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Article 21st. To see if the town will vote to rescind the vote whereby they voted to build a piece of road on the Kelly hill, so called, near the highway leading to Coldbrook.

Article 22d. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue the work on the Coldbrook road, and authorize the selectmen to have a survey made for the re-location of said road from a point near the house of Jason Allen to the Coldbrook depot, or pass any vote relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, one at each of the Post Offices, and one at the Congregational meeting house, in said town, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventh day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twelve.

GARDNER M. DEAN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
JOHN P. DAY,	
G. T. BUTTERFIELD,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Oakham.</i>

A true copy. Attest. WILLIAM C. AYRES, *Constable.*



